

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2013

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 549 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Recognize Chowanoke Nation.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Steinburg

FISCAL IMPACT

(\$ in thousands)

Yes No No Estimate Available

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:	5.2	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.7
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	(\$5.2)	(\$5.9)	(\$5.4)	(\$5.6)	(\$5.7)

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:

Departments of Administration and Public Instruction

EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2013

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Yes - See Technical Considerations Section

BILL SUMMARY:

This bill recognizes the Chowanoke Nation as an Indian Tribe under G.S. 71A. The bill adds the Chowanoke Nation to the representation of the State Advisory Council on Education within the Department of Public Instruction. The bill also expands the State Commission on Indian Affairs by one member, to be selected by the Chowanoke Nation.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Department of Public Instruction: There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Instruction. The bill does not increase the membership of the State Advisory Council on Education. The current Indian membership of the Council is to be “broadly representative” of the respective Indian tribes and organizations recognized by the State. The bill requires that the Chowanoke Nation be included in this membership consideration.

Department of Administration:

The Commission of Indian Affairs within the Department of Administration would have its membership expanded by one member, to be selected by the Chowanoke Nation. There are currently 21 members of the Commission from the various Indian tribes and organizations. The Commission meets on a quarterly basis. According to the Department of Administration the costs associated with one additional member are negligible. The addition of one more member to the Commission will result in increased costs related to statutorily required travel reimbursement and additional items related to meeting handouts and communication. The Fiscal Research Division concurs with this assessment. The following table reflects the increased costs.

Table 1: Costs Related adding an Additional Commission Member

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Travel	\$4,979	\$5,105	\$ 5,234	\$5,360	\$5,484
Communication/Data Processing	\$34	\$35	\$36	\$37	\$38
Other	\$46	\$47	\$48	\$49	\$50
Supplies	\$105	\$108	\$111	\$114	\$117
Total	\$5,164	\$5,295	\$5,429	\$5,559	\$5,689

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Administration

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Page 1, Section 3, Line 35 reflects the addition of two new members to the Commission of Indian Affairs. The bill only adds one additional member, as reflected in Page 2, Section 3, Line 13.

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